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SUBJ: FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF MAO'S DEATH: ATMOSPHERICS

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1. ON THE EVE OF THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE PASSING OF
CHAIRMAN MAO TSE-TUNG, TIEN AN MEN SQUARE IS ONCE
AGAIN THE FOCAL POINT OF COMMEMORATIVE ACTIVITIES. THE
MARTYR'S MONUMENT CENOTAPH IS BEDECKED WITH MEMORIAL
WREATHS BEARING UNIT NAME AND SHORT, STANDARD SENTIMENTS
(E.G. "FOREVER REMEMBER THE GREAT LEADER AND REVOLUTIONARY
TEACHER CHAIRMAN MAO TSE-TUNG", "RESOLUTELY CARRY OUT
CHAIRMAN MAO'S BEHESTS TO THE END," "CARRY OUT THE
REVOLUTION TO THE END" AND SO ON); THE GRANDSTANDS ON
EITHER SIDE OF THE FORBIDDEN CITY ARE FILLING UP WITH
WREATHS; MEDIUM-SIZED PROCESSIONS OF WORKERS AND SCHOOL
CHILDREN ARE PARADING INTO THE SQUARE TO DELIVER THEIR
WREATHS, MAKE THEIR PLEDGES TO THE MEMORY OF MAO, AND
SING THE USUAL REVOLUTIONARY SONGS; AND A RED BANNER
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DRAPED ACROSS THE NORTH ENTRANCE TO THE MAO MAUSOLEUM
ANNOUNCES "SOLEMNLY COMMEMORATE THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY
OF THE PASSING OF CHAIRMAN MAO TSE-TUNG AND WARMLY
CELEBRATE THE MASS RALLY (TA-HUI) FOR THE CEREMONY
MARKING THE COMPLETION OF CHAIRMAN MAO'S MEMORIAL HALL."

2. SO FAR NEITHER DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS NOR JOURNALISTS

HAVE RECEIVED ANY OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION THAT THEY
WILL BE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN SEPTEMBER 9 EVENTS AT
TIENTEN AN MEN SQUARE. THERE IS A GENERAL PRESUMPTION THAT
THERE WILL BE A RALLY, AND THAT ON SEPTEMBER 9 IT WILL
BE FOR CHINESE OFFICIALS AND SELECTED "FRIENDS" ALONE.

3. THE ATMOSPHERE AT THE SQUARE IS PERFUNCTORY AND
EVEN CARNIVAL; THE ONLY COMMENTS OVERHEARD DEAL WITH
RELATIVE ARTISTRY OF THE WREATHS RATHER THAN MEMORIES OF
CHAIRMAN MAO. NO BLACK MORNING ARMBANDS ARE IN EVIDENCE,
MAO BUTTONS ARE FEW AND FAR BETWEEN, THERE ARE NO
MANIFESTATIONS OF GRIEF, AND THERE ARE NO UNOFFICIAL OR
UNAUTHORIZED INSCRIPTIONS OR POSTERS. PLA SOLDIERS AND
URBAN MILITIA ARE CONSPICUOUSLY PATROLLING AROUND THE BASE
OF THE CENOTAPH.
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